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Reports on the German
Government attitude towards the Slovaks

Forwarded as an attachment is report No. 10-2-34
which is an indication of a possible change in German policy towards
Czech and Slovak separatists whom the Germans have been supporting.
This report links the anticipated change in German policy to the change
in U.S. policy of removing the anti-German elements from the Council of
the Free CSU. The Germans may reciprocate by officially dropping their
stress on separation. However, it is felt that their charges, i.e. the
separatists, will be kept in top by the Government in case of future
need. The evaluation was made by [] and should be disregarded.

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Subject: Prospects for the Slovakian Cause in GERMANY

Date Received: 29 January 1954

Source: []

Sub-Source: Matej CERNAK, head of the Slovakian National Council in the foreign section for GERMANY

Evaluation: B-2

1. Sub-Source reports that he is very alarmed over the fact that Prof. Ferdinand DURCAJKY, his political opponent, lately started a discriminating campaign against him. DURCAJKY supposedly elaborated a libelous memorandum against Sub-Source which he submitted to German and Western authorities. Sub-Source is attempting at present to find out whether DURCAJKY's actions stem from his own or someone else's initiative. He considers it most essential to find out whether DURCAJKY receives money from the Germans, above all, from expellee circles.
2. Sub-Source considers revelations in this matter especially essential because he is apprehensive of the recent development within the Council of the Free GER in the USA, which may weaken the Slovaks' political positions in GERMANY. He would like to know whether DURCAJKY's slanders, should he be financially supported by German expellee circles, must be regarded as the beginning of a systematic attack on the Slovaks' position.
3. Sub-Source considers that the Americans' efforts to move the Slovaks away from the Council of the Free GER and to replace them by politicians acceptable to the Germans, such as Dr. Jozef TUMPLIK and Dr. Jozef OSUJEC, are viewed with alarmism by the Germans. Sub-Source sees several indications that the Germans may drop the Slovaks and Slovaks' partisans as their partners in response to the new American policy.
4. Above difficulties are evident in the case of General Vojtěch MUDRÝ, dropped after renewed talk between leading circles of the Bohemian German, Czechoslovak and Czech Agrarian Party (Ceskoslovenská a Česká Zemědělská a Česká lidová strana) like Dr. Vojtěch MUDRÝ has lost every this kind support in expellee circles (MUDRÝ is said to be in contact at present to discuss the new situation in talks with other Czech politicians).

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Since the Slovak Dr. Stefan OSUJKY plays a leading role in the new leadership of the Council of the Free CSA, Sub-Source fears that OSUJKY may become the Slovak partner of the German expellees. In addition, OSUJKY is expected to visit GERMANY in the spring of 1954.

6. Sub-Source is prepared for such a change in the expellees' policy, but assures that he will not present the Germans with the alternative of either disregarding the Council of the Free CSA or dropping him. He hopes that "the famous German loyalty toward traditional friends of GERMANY" will assert itself and that he will not be dropped like General PRCHALA. Still, he does not anticipate the same fate as PRCHALA since contrary to the latter he is not a "General without an army", but is backed by a strong organization.
7. Regarding the possibility of Sub-Source's joining the opposition group of the "Democrats" in the split within the ARN, Sub-Source denied the possibility of such a move.

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